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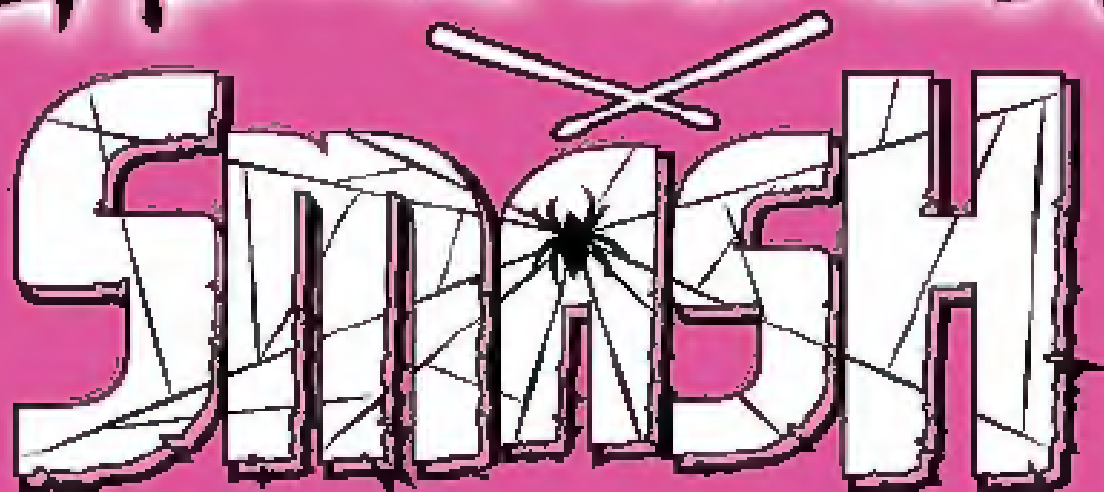
SMASH



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WHEN TEENAGER GWEN STACY SUITS UP IN HER SYNTHETIC SYMBIOTIC SUIT AND WEB-SHOOTERS, SHE GAINS AMAZING POWERS: A "SPIDER-SENSE" THAT WARNS HER OF DANGER, THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS WITH HER ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER, AND THE ABILITY TO THROW AND SWING FROM WEBS. HER SKILLS AS A DRUMMER THOUGH? THOSE COME NATURALLY. IT'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO BALANCE HER COMMITMENT TO HER BAND, THE MARY JAMES, AND HER SUPER-HERO RESPONSIBILITIES AS GHOST-SPIDER. BUT YOU MAY KNOW HER AS...

# SPIDER-GWEN:



After traveling to other dimensions and battling clones, Gwen Stacy just wants a normal life in her home universe of Earth-65.

As normal as the life of a spider-powered hero can ever be, anyway: family, band practice, fighting crime. But after seeing so much of the world, how can she know where she belongs?

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EARTH-65.  
REALM OF THE  
GHOST-SPIDER.

HOME SWEET  
HOME.

RUN!

SHE'S OUT  
OF CONTROL!

FREAK-OUT

IF  
EVERYONE  
COULD PLEASE  
JUST CALM  
DOWN--

SHE'S  
TOTALLY  
LOST IT!

GET OUT  
WHILE YOU  
CAN!

WHERE IT  
NEVER FAILS...

NO ONE HAS TO RUN!  
I CAUGHT THE BAD GUY!  
I WON GIG!

RUN  
FROM GHOST-  
SPIDER!

OH,  
COM  
ON!

NO MATTER  
WHAT HAPPENS...

I ALWAYS SOMEHOW  
MANAGE TO SCREW UP.



FIVE MINUTES  
EARLIER...

HONESTLY, IT FIGURES.  
IT WAS ONLY A MATTER  
OF TIME.

HARD IF  
YOU TRY TO FIND  
ME. I'LL BE LOST  
INSIDE YOUR  
MIND--

—A  
WAVE OF PASSION  
OVERCAME ME,  
LIKE A BOUTIQUE  
TIDE--

BETTY  
BRANT,  
bass.

THE  
MARY  
JANES

EM JAY  
WATSON,  
vocals, guitar.

GLORY  
GRANT,  
keyboards.

THINGS WERE  
GOING A BIT  
TOO WELL.

OWEN  
STACY,  
drums.

DESPITE THE SUPER-HERO  
SIDE DIG, I HADN'T BEEN  
LATE TO A PRACTICE IN  
TWO WHOLE WEEKS.

EM JAY GOT ME A  
CERTIFICATE, AND  
SOME ICE CREAM.

SHE EVEN SMILED  
WHEN SHE DID IT.

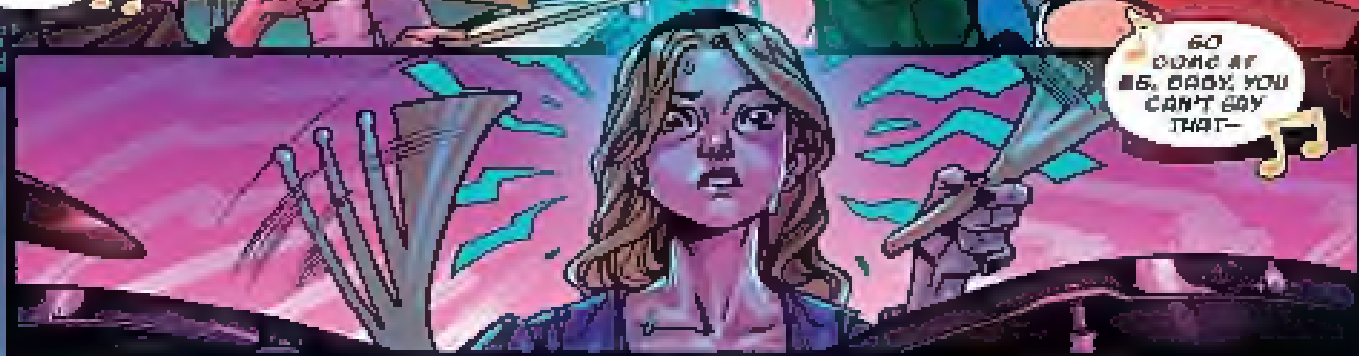
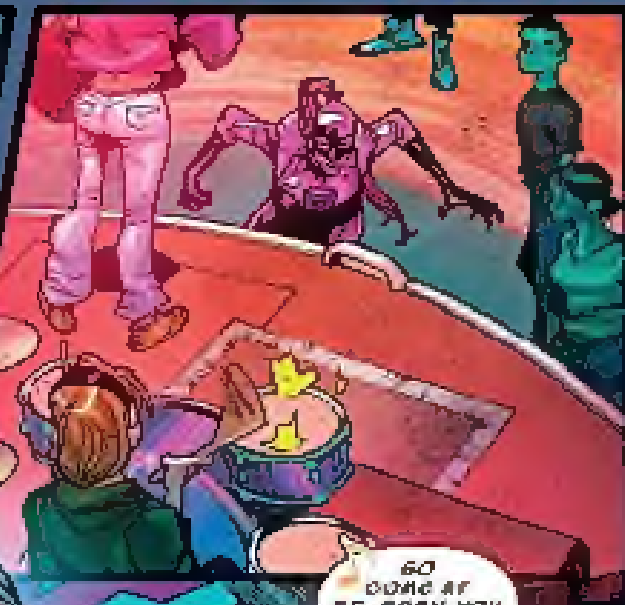
HEY, Y'ALL!  
PINK VELVET HERE!  
AS PROMISED! WELCOME  
TO MY 40K-SIGNED  
SPECIAL!

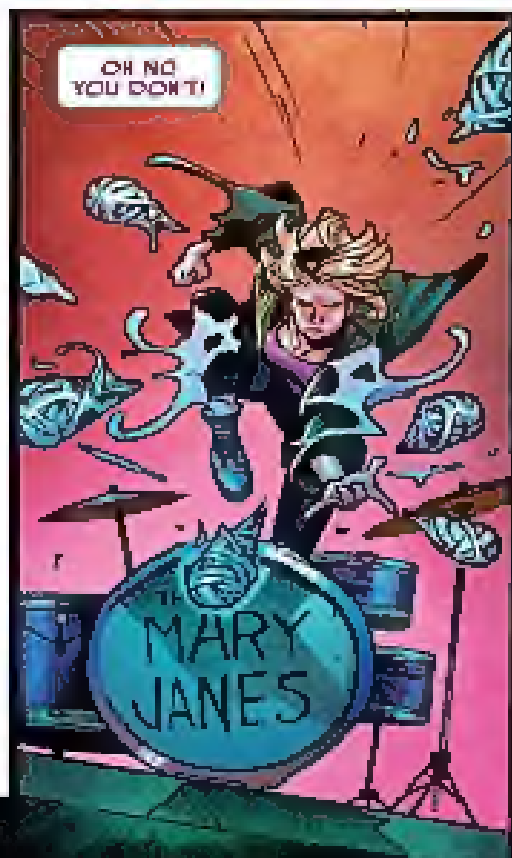
Y'ALL, I'M  
SO PROUD OF  
THIS COMMUNITY OF  
VELVET-8886--  
I DONATED MYSELF.  
BUT YOU NEVER  
DID!

SO HONESTLY, CAN YOU REALLY BLAME  
ME IF I GOT A LITTLE ANNOYED WHEN  
THIS LOSER SHOWED UP?

GODDAMN I  
KNOW IT'S LATE  
IN HERE!

ANYWAY...BEHOLD ON  
THE NEXT STOP OF MY SUPER-  
VILLAIN DESTINY--YOU VOTED  
FOR IT...AND IT'S HAPPENING!





OH NO  
YOU DON'T!



AAAAH MY  
EYES!



OWEN!  
WHAT--?

NOT  
TODAY  
LADY!



АААААААААА!



GOT YOU!  
...OH.

OWEN!

YOU...  
LOOK UP  
MARE.

SHE'S GONE  
INGRAB! GHOST-  
SPIDER IS GOING TO  
KILL US WITH HER STICKY  
WEB!

RUN!



LATER.

I WANT TO THANK ALL MY FANS FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT IN THIS INCREDIBLY TRYING TIME.

WHAT GHOST-SPIDER DID TO ME SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO ANYONE.

AND I'M DISCUSSING MY OPTIONS WITH MY LAWYERS...

I WAS WATCHING THAT!

I THINK YOU'VE SEEN ENOUGH, DON'T YOU?

I DON'T THINK I'VE HATED ANYONE MORE, INCLUDING FINALE, AND SHE LITERALLY REWROTE THIS WORLD.

YES, AND YOU BROUGHT IT BACK.

WHAT'S A LITTLE SOCIAL-MEDIA BACKLASH IN COMPARISON?

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN CANCELED. IT MAY ACTUALLY BE WORSE.



OWEN...

I'M NOT  
SURE WHAT GOES  
THROUGH YOUR HEAD  
WHEN YOU PUT ON  
THAT SUIT...

...BUT I KNOW  
YOU DON'T FEEL  
AT HOME *HERE*,  
OR OUTSIDE  
OF IT.



DAD.

NO,  
LISTEN, I GET  
IT. IF I COULD JUMP  
TO DIFFERENT WORLDS,  
FIGHT SOME BAD GUYS,  
AND MEET ALL THOSE  
DIFFERENT SPIDER-  
PEOPLE--

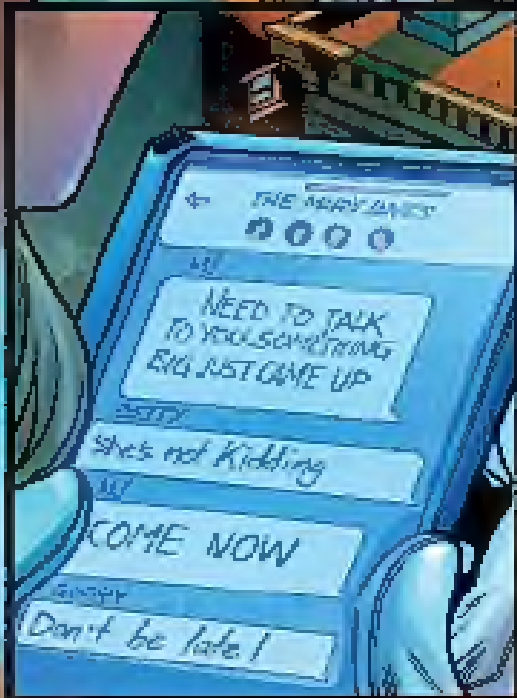
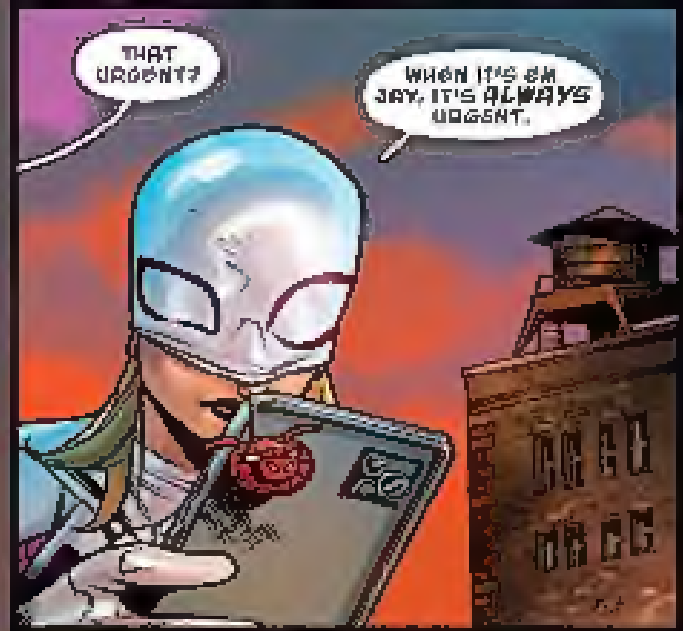
THAT'S  
NOT HOW  
IT--



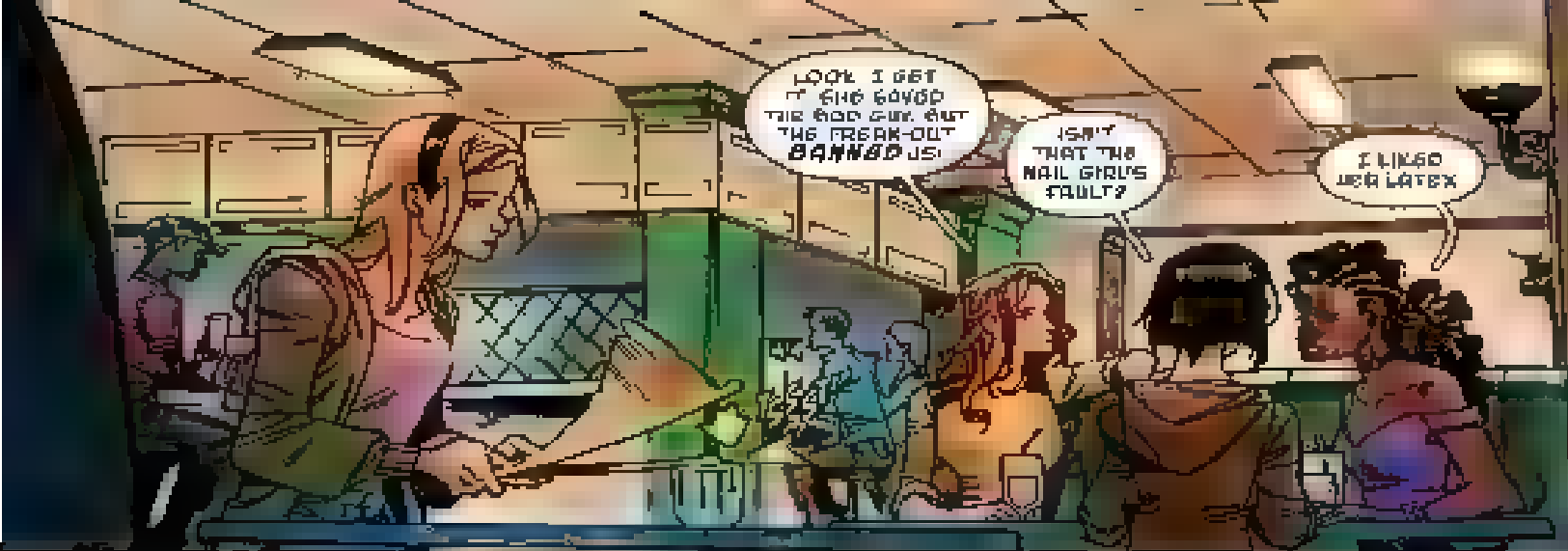
I JUST  
WISH YOU'D  
FIND A REASON  
TO STAY.

I DO.  
I HAVE  
YOU.









LOOK I GET IT SHE BOYED THE BAD GUY BUT THE FREAK-OUT BANNED US!

ISN'T THAT THE NAIL GUY'S FAULT?

I LIKED HER LATEX



OWEN!

RIGHT! HI YES I'M LISTENING



IT WAS OUR FIRST GIG IN LIKE A MONTH!

PULL BACK ON THE TUBE OK

NO, DO LIKE HER TO CONTRIBUTE HERE!

OR WE COULD JUST LIKE MOVE ON AND FIND ANOTHER GIG?



WE ALWAYS DO THAT OWEN.

LISTEN. THAT GIRL WAS GONNA STAB YOU.

I KNOW! AND LIKE THANK YOU! BUT WAS THERE A WAY TO KEEP US FROM GETTING STABBED WITHOUT THE WEBS AND THE GHOST-GUIDES?

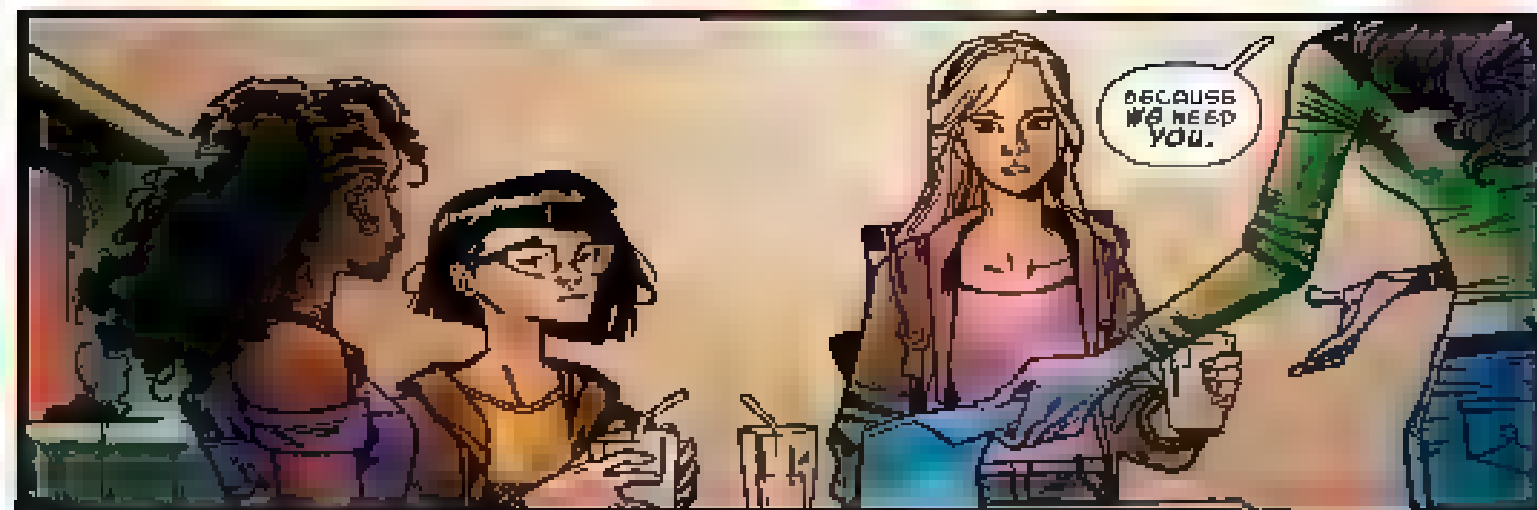


IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN JUST PUT AWAY YOU KNOW THAT? RIGHT?

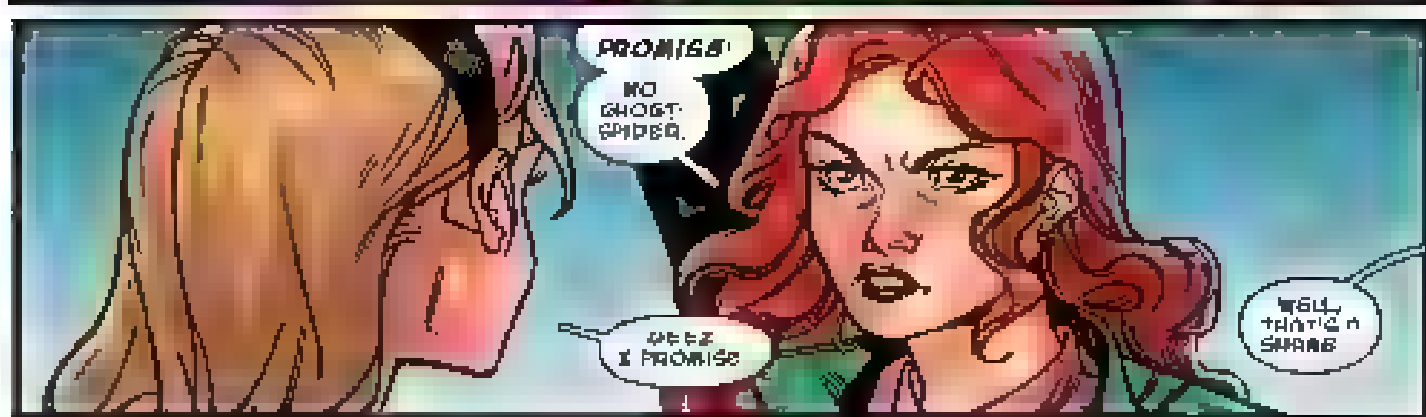
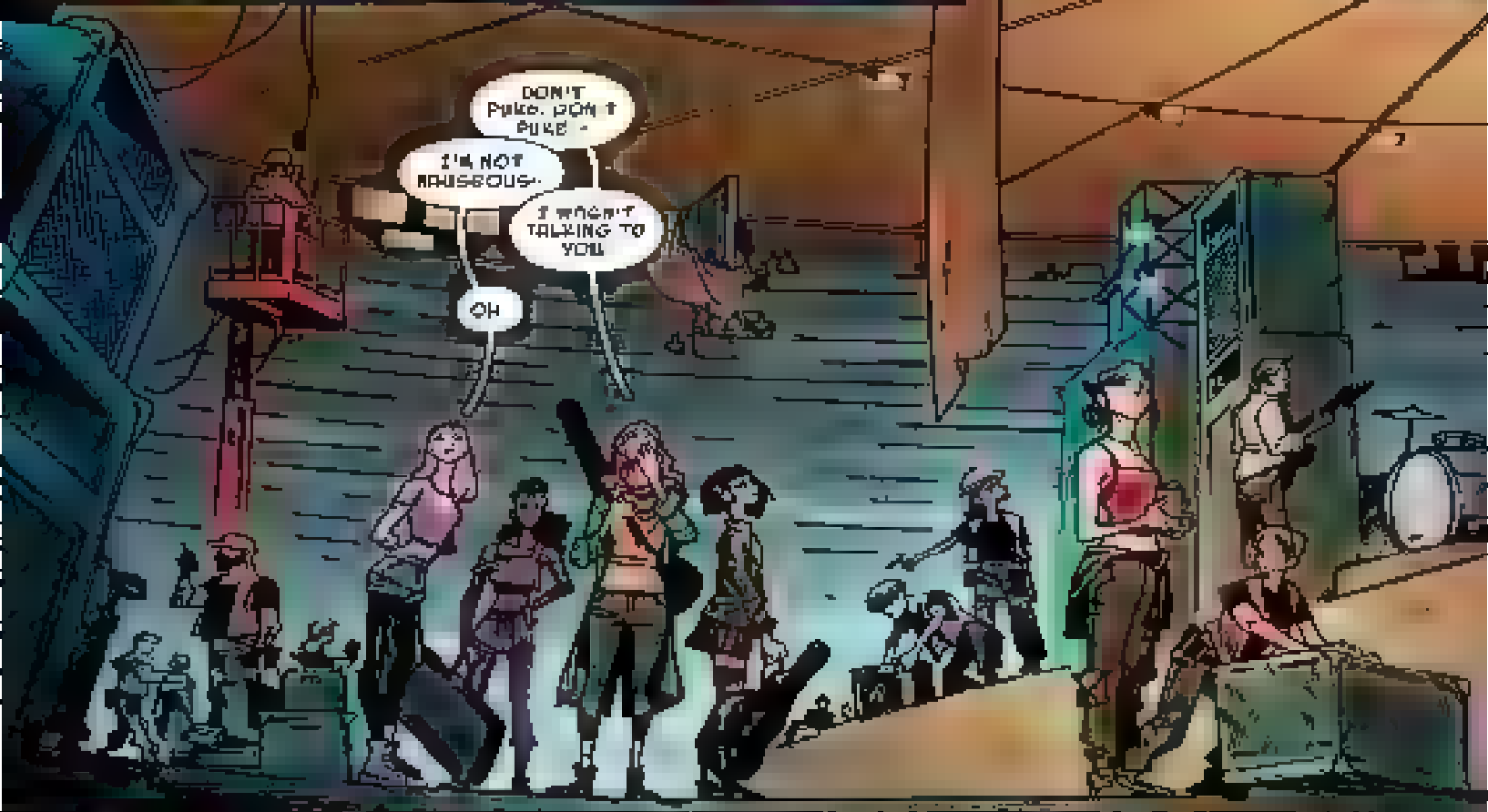
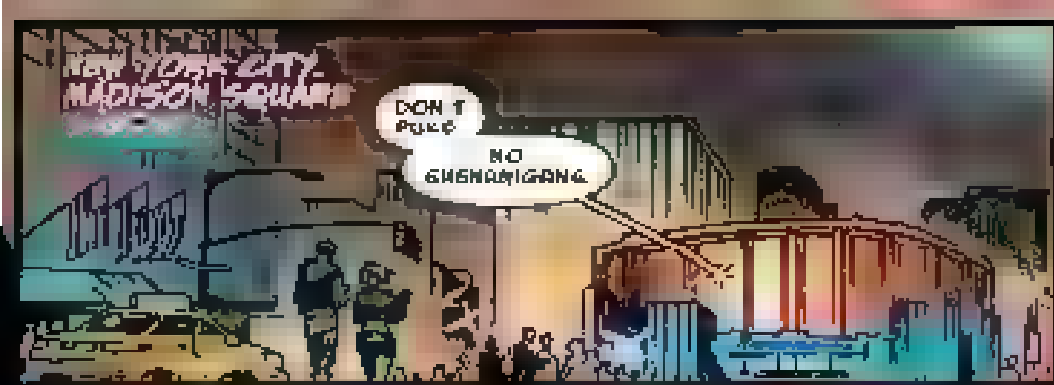
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TRIED?

HOW MUCH DO WE OWE TO YOU?











INTRODUCING

# THE UNCUT GEMS!

**RICK JONES,**  
lead guitar. *As the quiet type.*

I HEARD  
she puts  
on a GOOD  
SHOW.

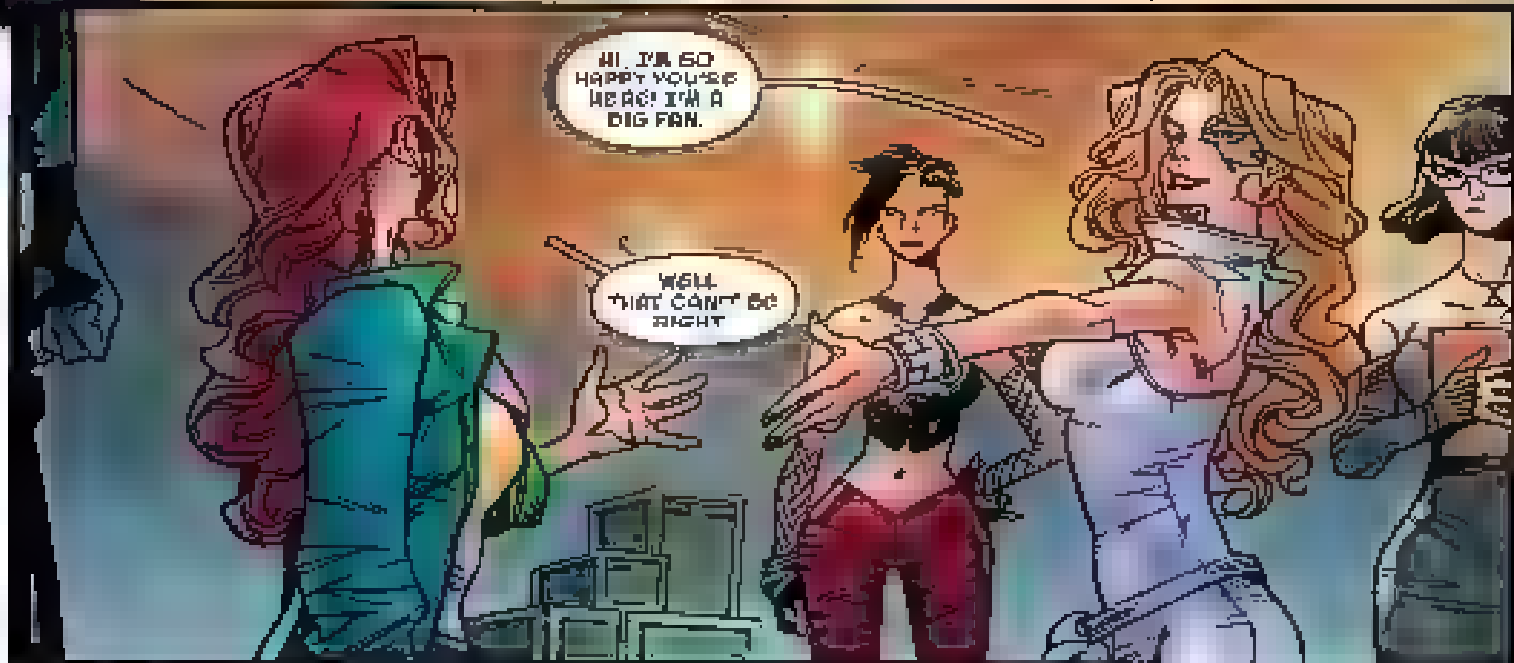
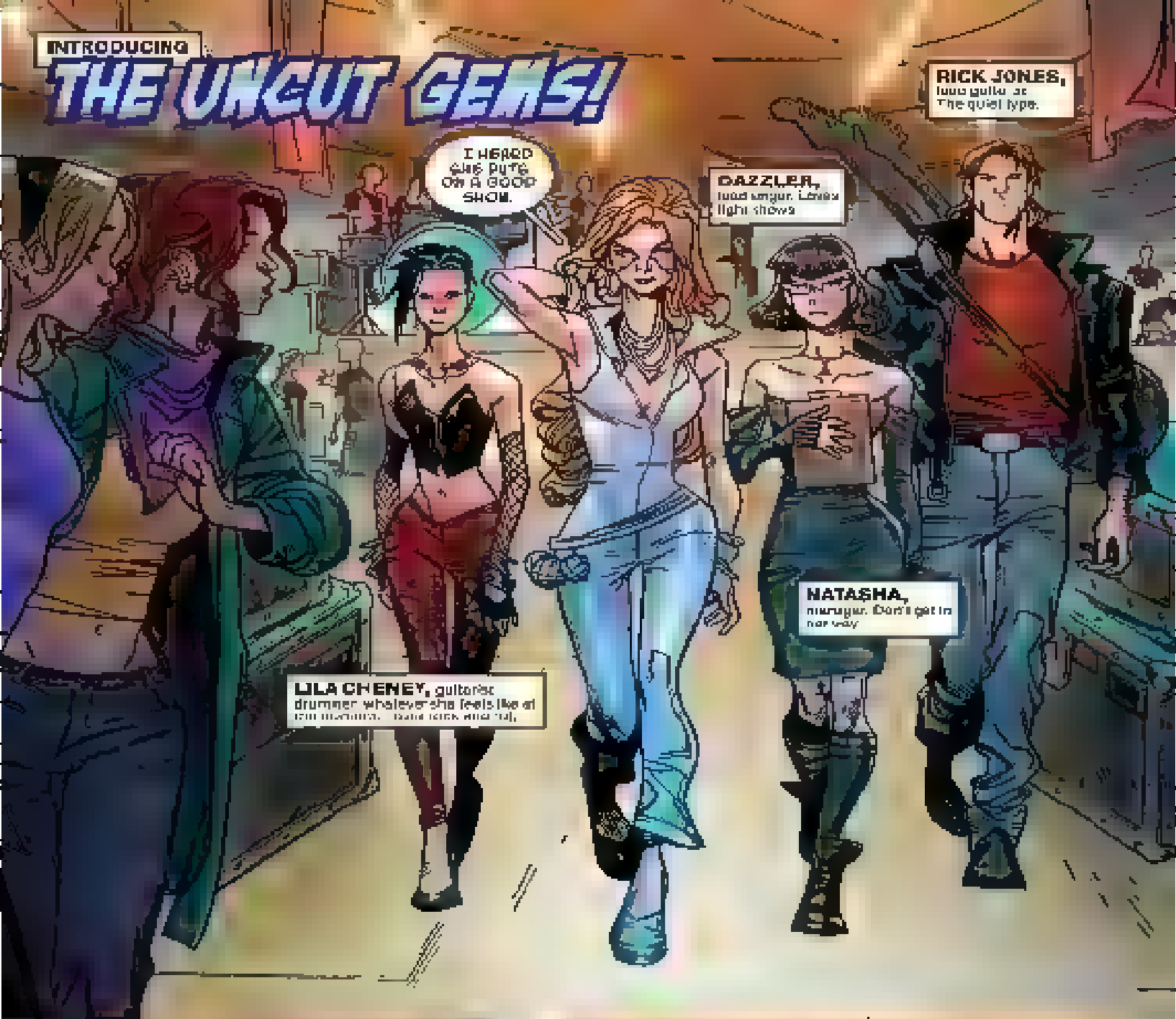
**DAZZLER,**  
lead singer. *Loves  
light shows.*

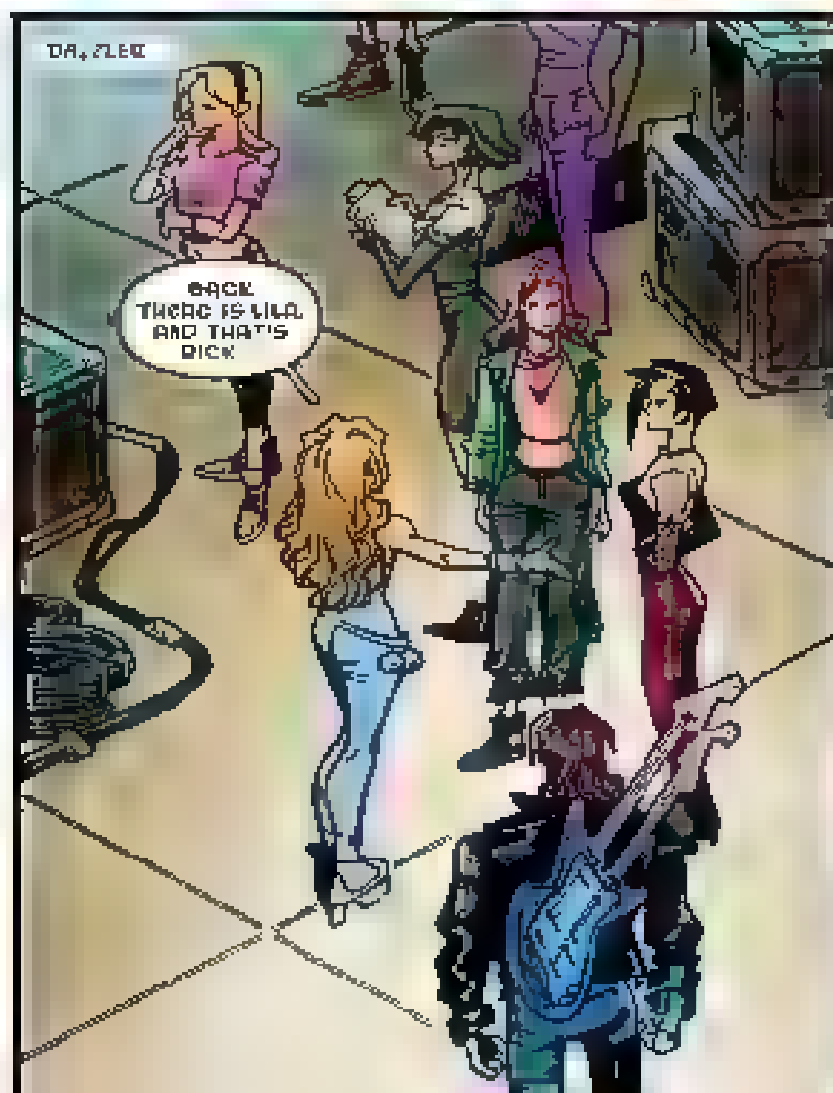
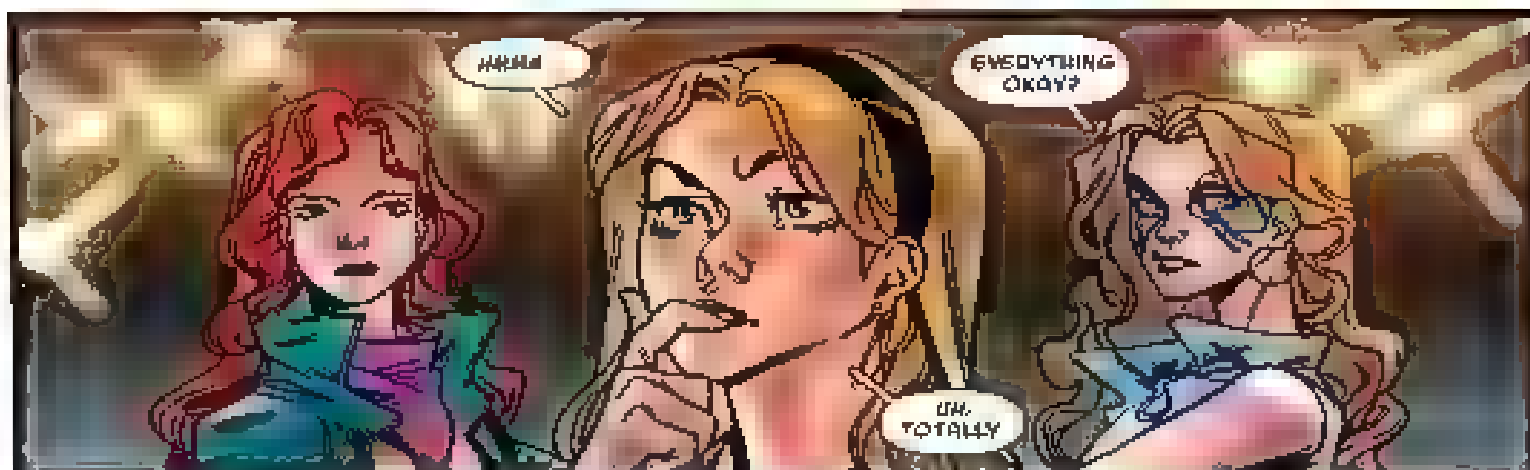
**NATASHA,**  
manager. *Don't get in  
her way.*

**LILA CHENEY,** guitarist/  
drummer. *Whatever she feels like at  
the moment. (Said rock and roll).*

HI, I'M SO  
HAPPY YOU'RE  
HERE! I'M A  
BIG FAN.

WELL  
THAT CAN'T BE  
RIGHT.



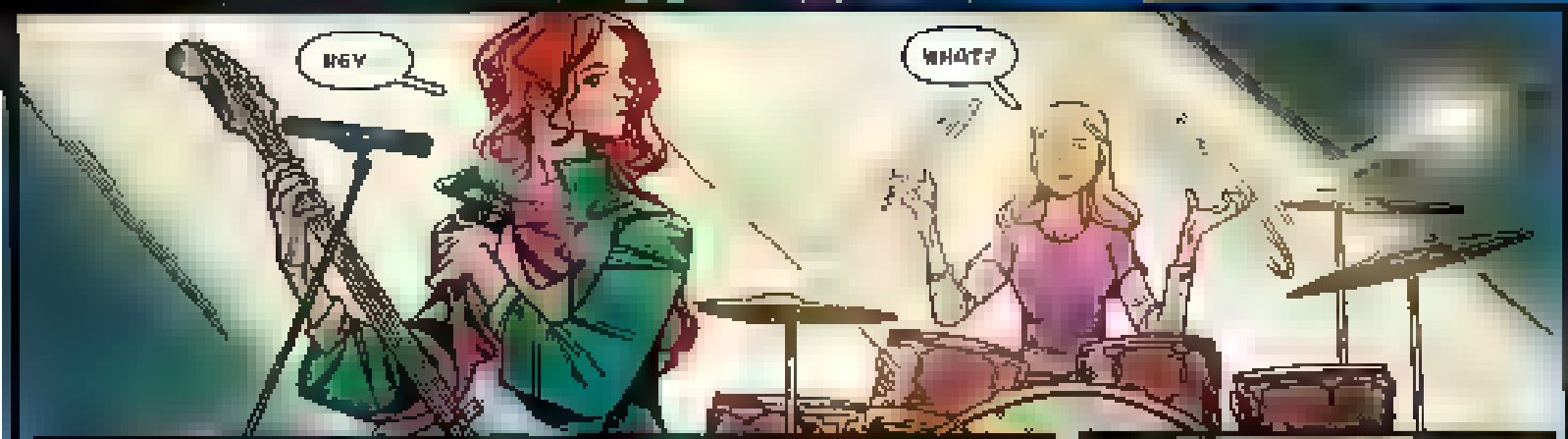


"WE'VE GOT A  
SOUND CHECK  
TO GET TO."



"HEY"

"WHAT?"



"WE'VE  
PLAYED MADISON  
SQUARE GARDEN  
BEFORE"

"OH, I  
GUESS YOU'RE  
RIGHT."

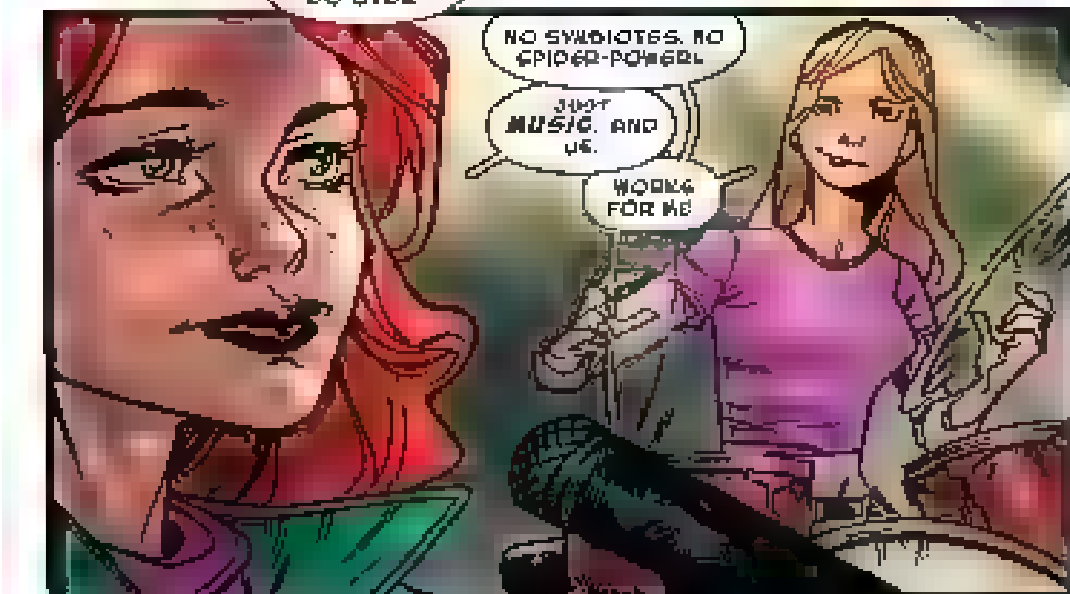
"I KINDA LIKE  
THAT WE GET A  
DO-OVER"



"NO SWAGGOTES, NO  
SPIDER-POWER!"

"JUST  
MUSIC, AND  
US."

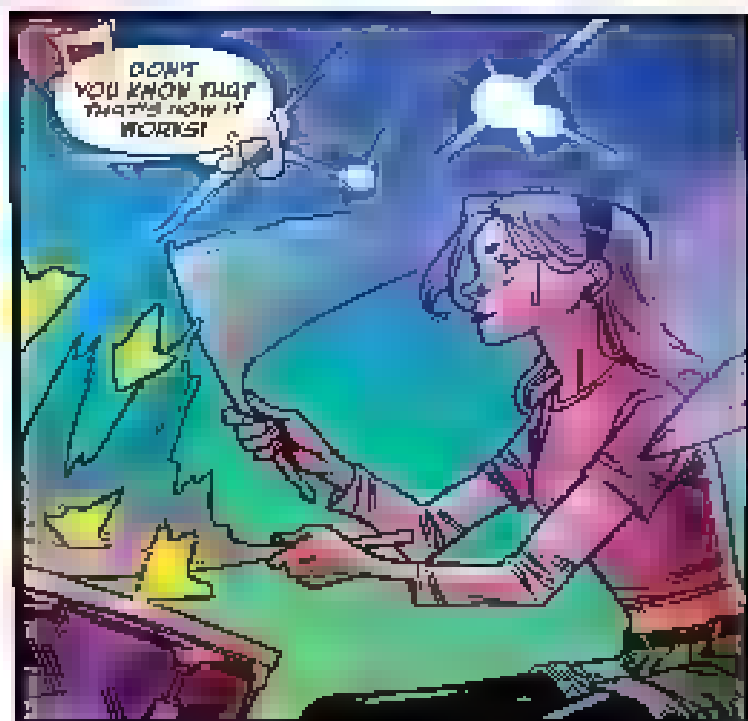
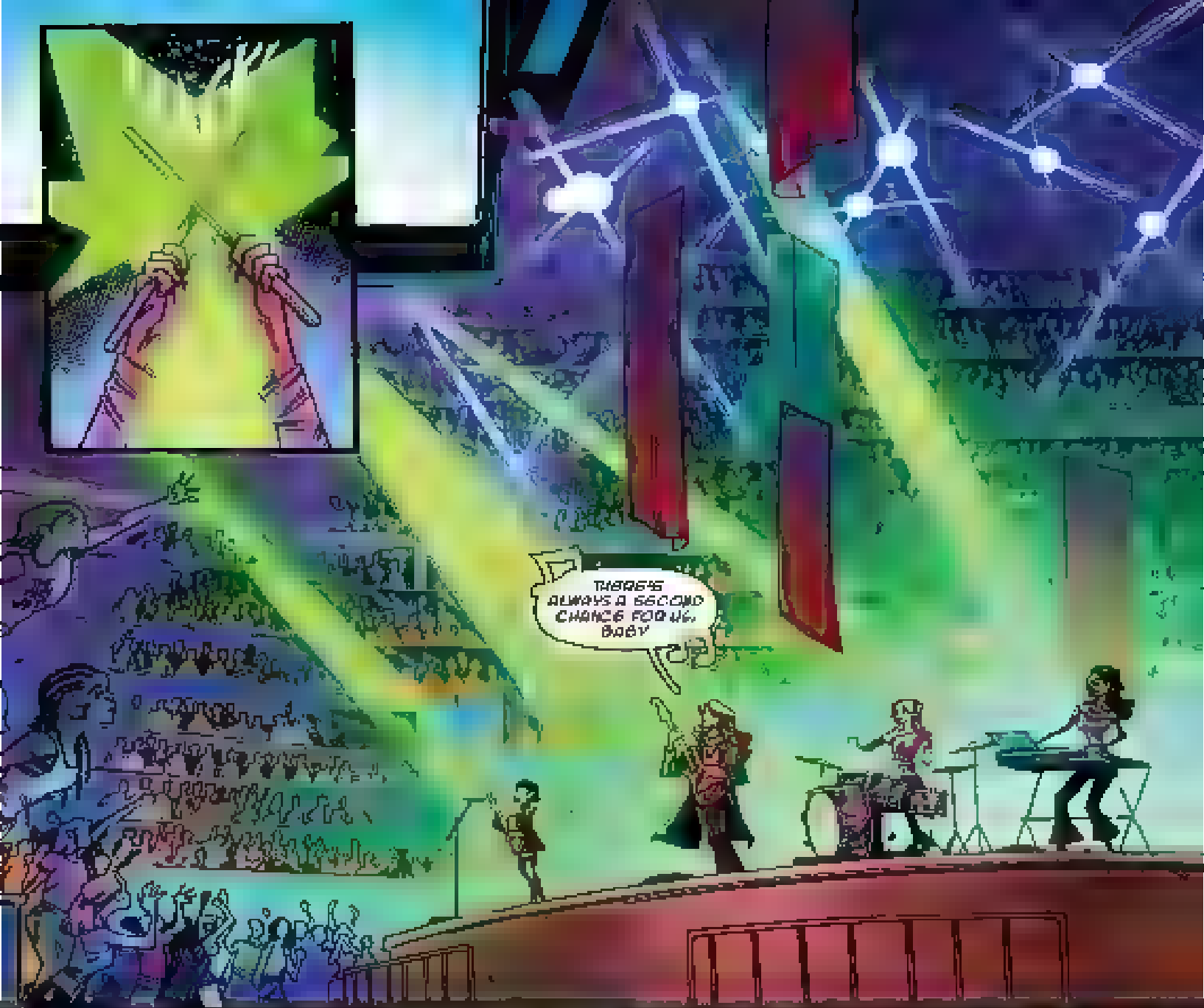
"WORK  
FOR ME"

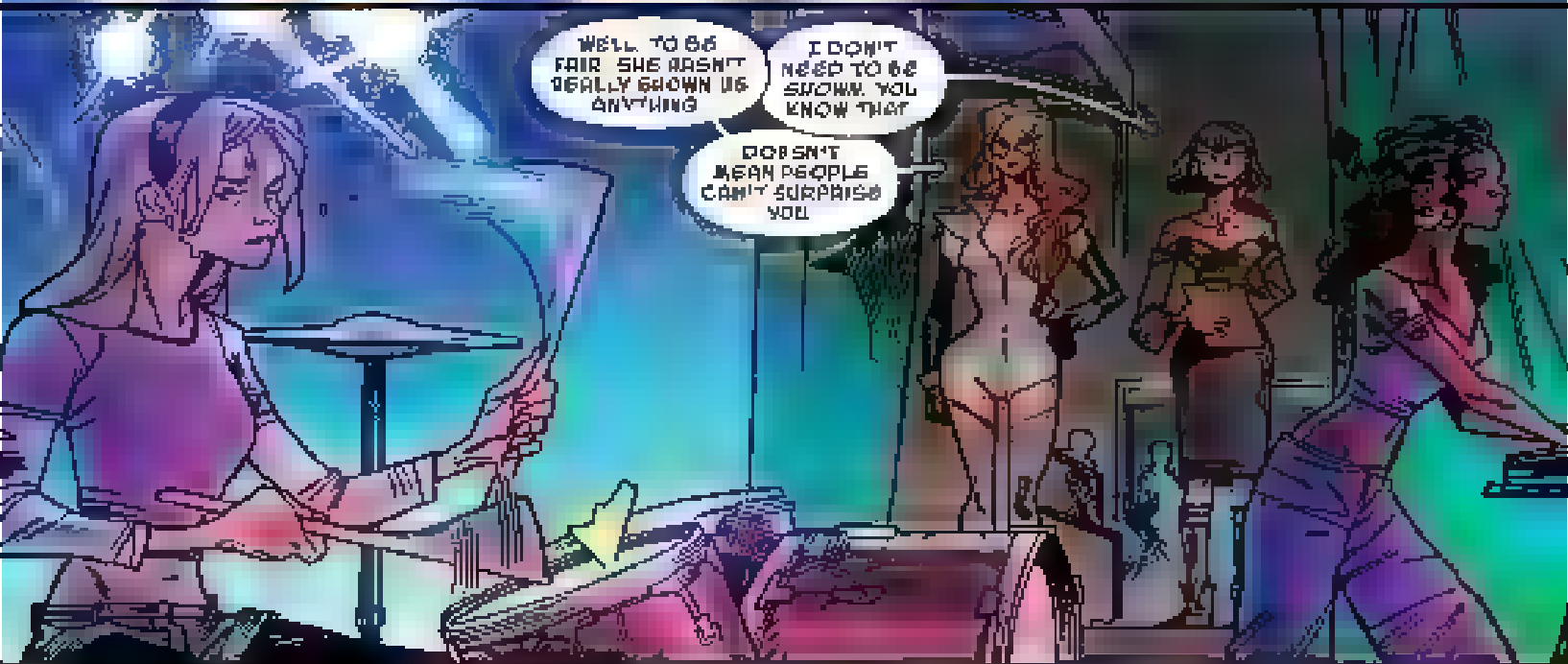


"LET'S DO  
THIS!"









WELL TO BE FAIR SHE HASN'T REALLY GROWN UP ANYTHING

I DON'T NEED TO BE SHOWN. YOU KNOW THAT

DON'T MEAN PEOPLE CAN'T SURPRISE YOU



WE HAVE A PROBLEM  
DICK'S NOT IN PLAYING  
CONDITION.

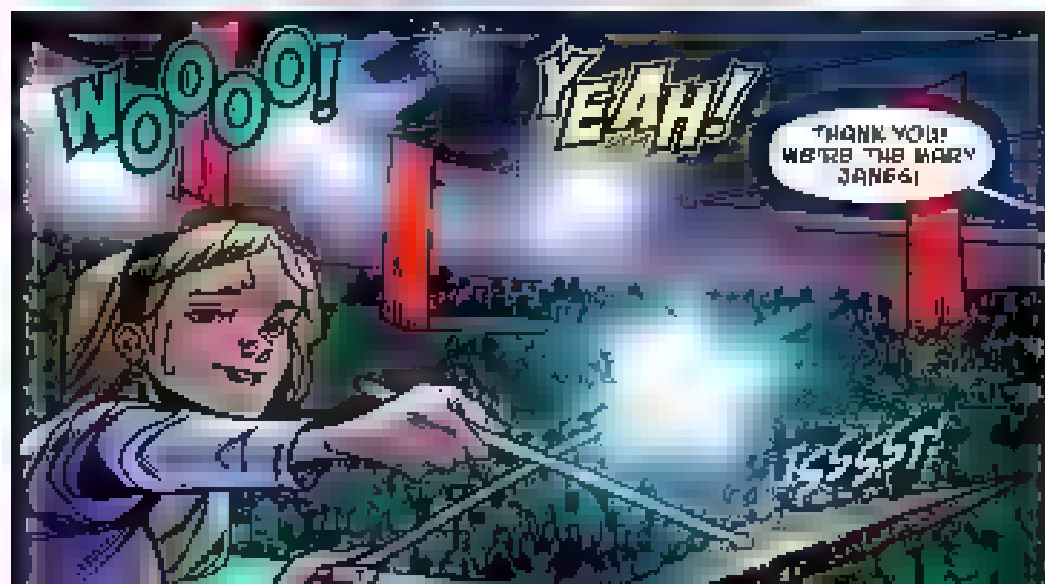
ARE YOU  
KIDDING?  
AGAIN?

HE SAID  
T'S THE  
SUSHI!

WE ALL  
HAD THE SUSHI!  
WELL



I GUESS  
WE NEED A FULL-  
ON TARIST



WOOOO!

YEAH!

THANK YOU!  
WE'RE THE MARY  
JANES!



THE  
REPEREAD  
WILL DO

THINK  
SHE CAN  
HANDLE  
IT?

"SURE WE'LL  
TEACH HER HOW A  
HEADLINER FEELS  
ON A SHOW."

"BUT JAY IS  
TOTALLY GONNA  
CHORE"

"SHE'S  
NOT GONNA  
CHORE"

"CAN WE  
GAMMA?"

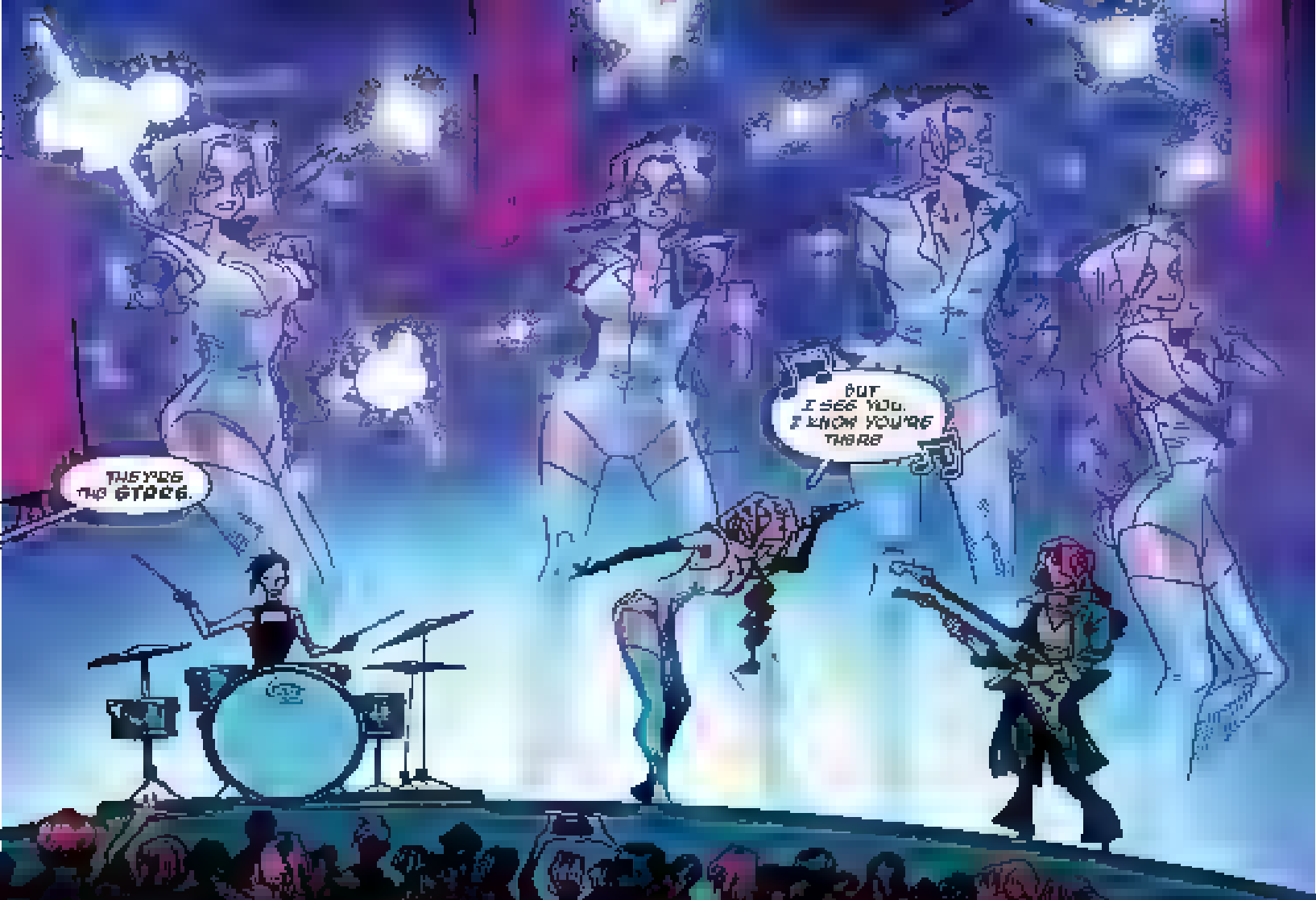
"THIS BLEND  
HAS NEVER FELT  
STOKED IN  
ITSELF"

"BY FINISHING  
SURROUND ME  
SEEKING TO  
FEELING"

"OH NOW  
HOW COME  
WE DIDN'T GET A  
LIGHT SHOW  
LIKE THAT?"

"YOU WOULD  
BE OK WITH  
OPENING ACT"



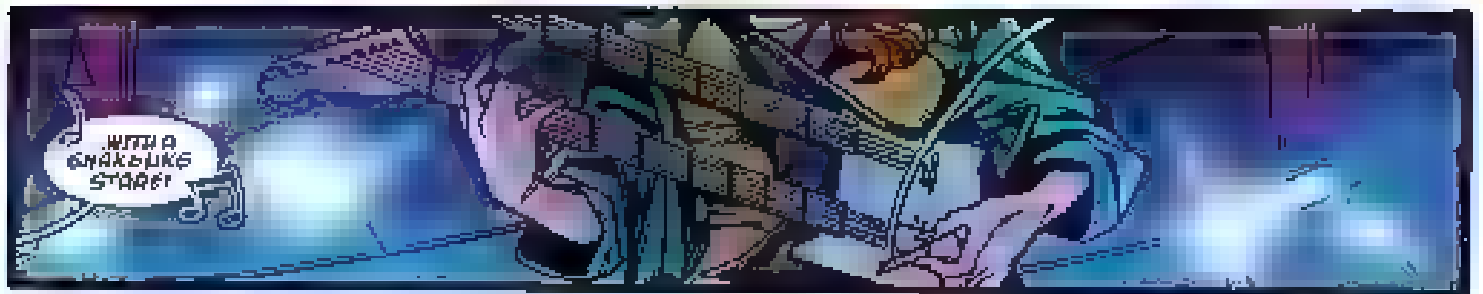


THEY'RE  
THE STARS.

BUT  
I SEE YOU.  
I KNOW YOU'RE  
THERE



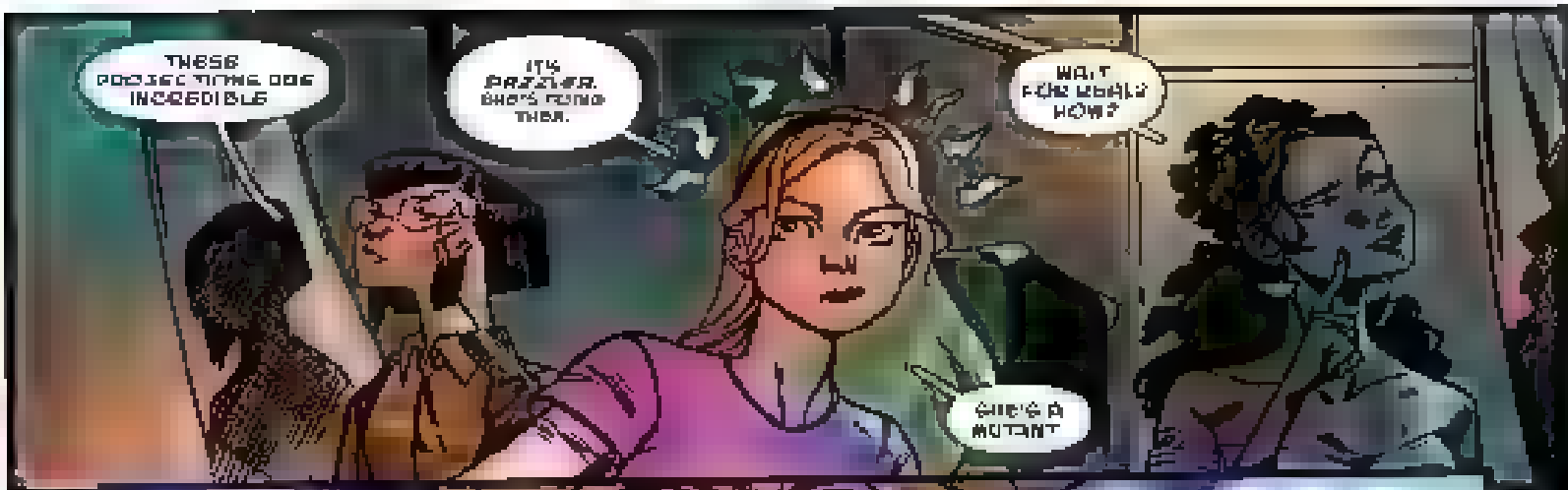
IN THE  
DARKNESS



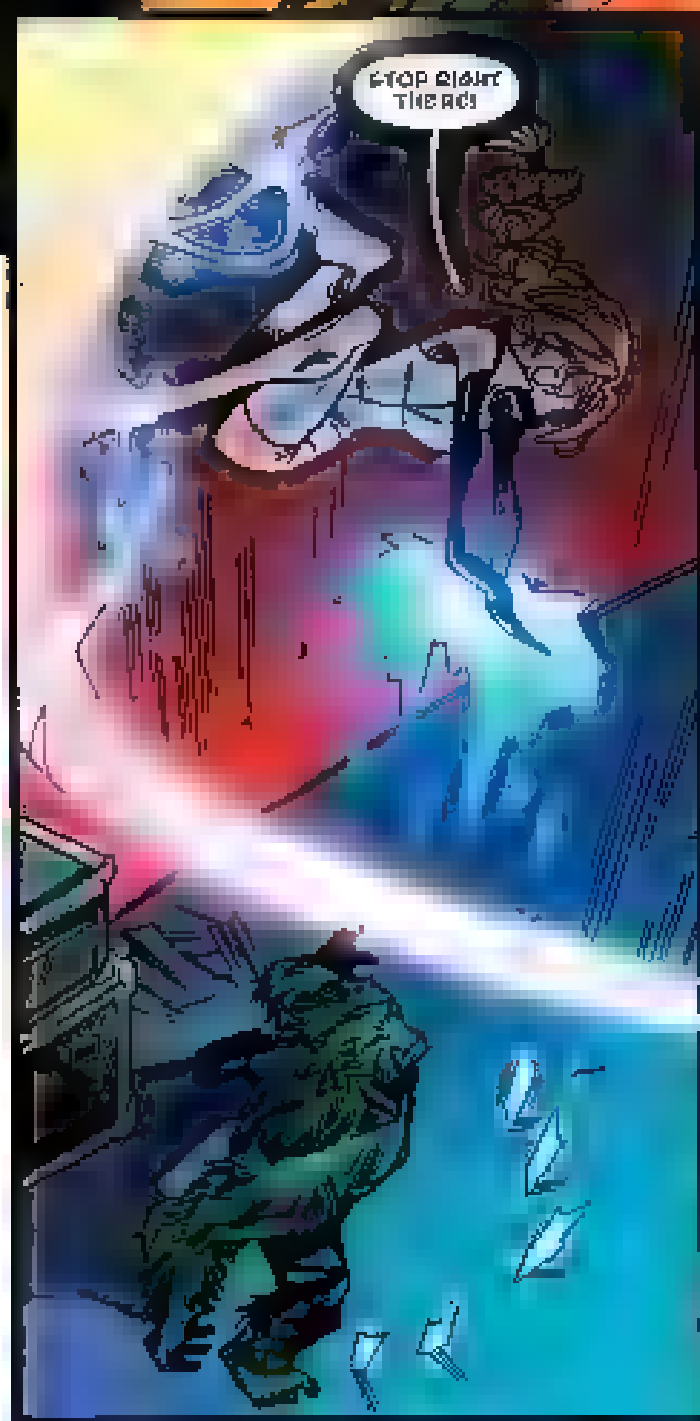
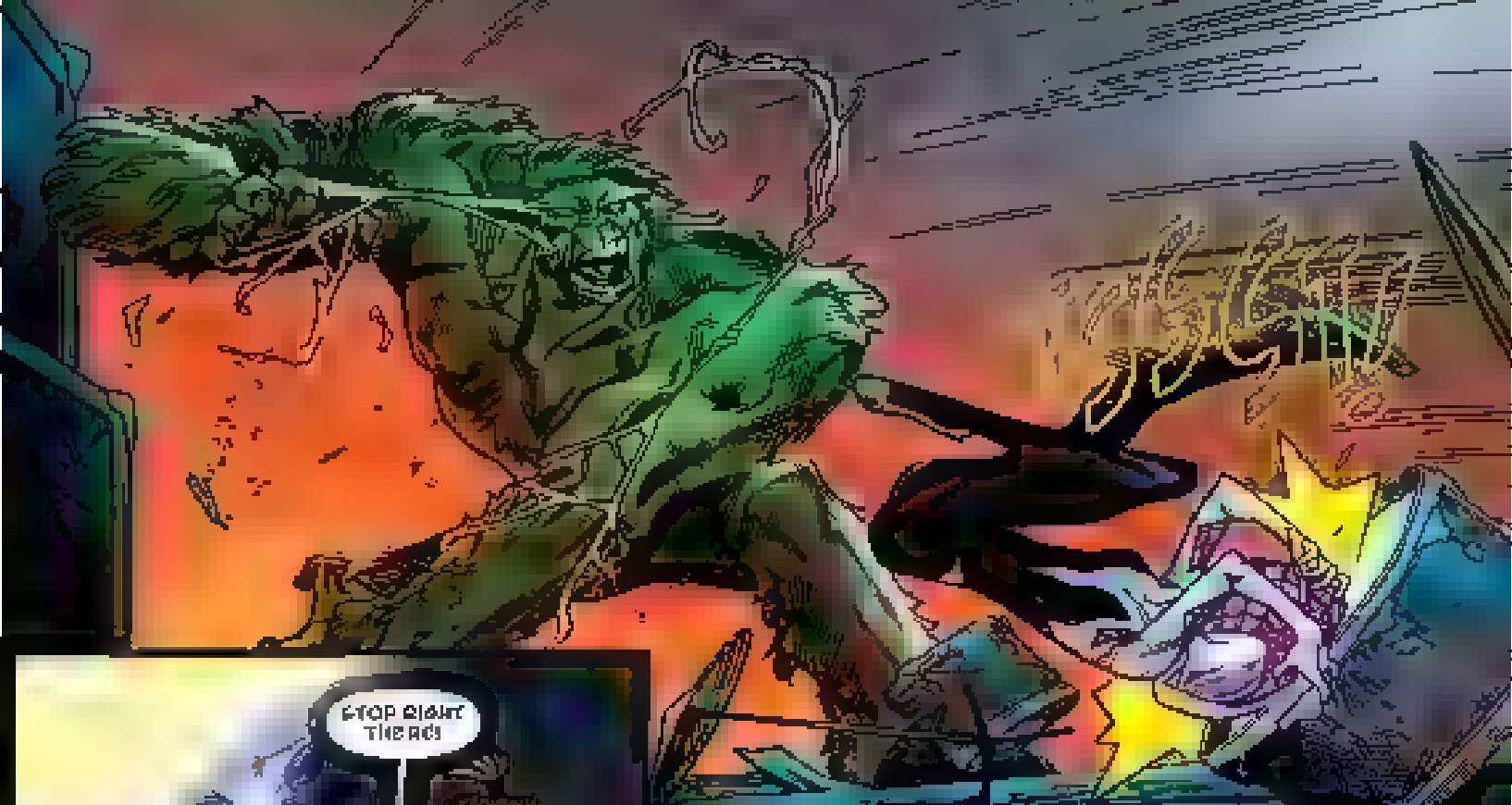
WITH A  
SHAKING  
START!



AND  
I'M READY FOR  
YOU









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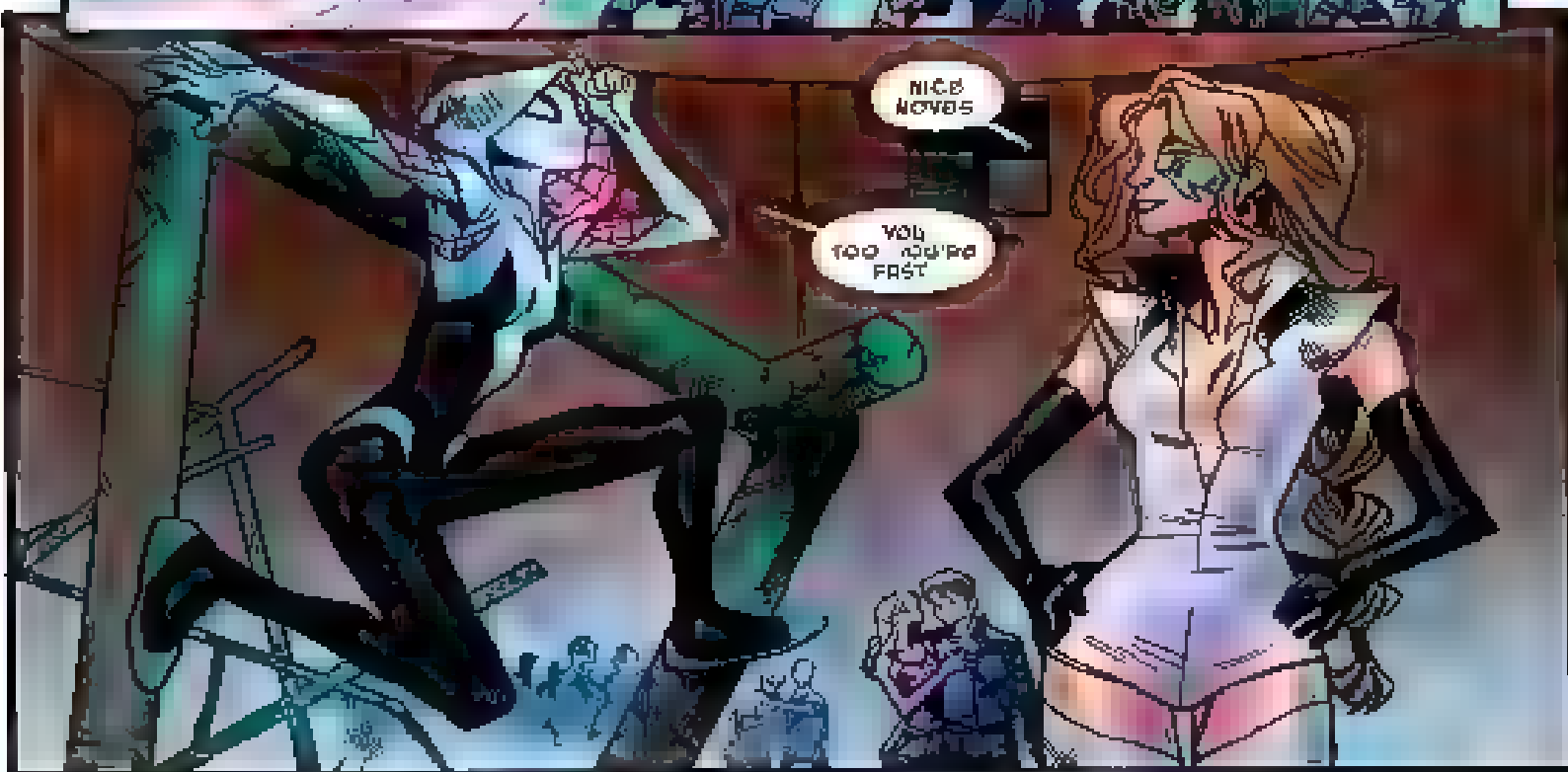
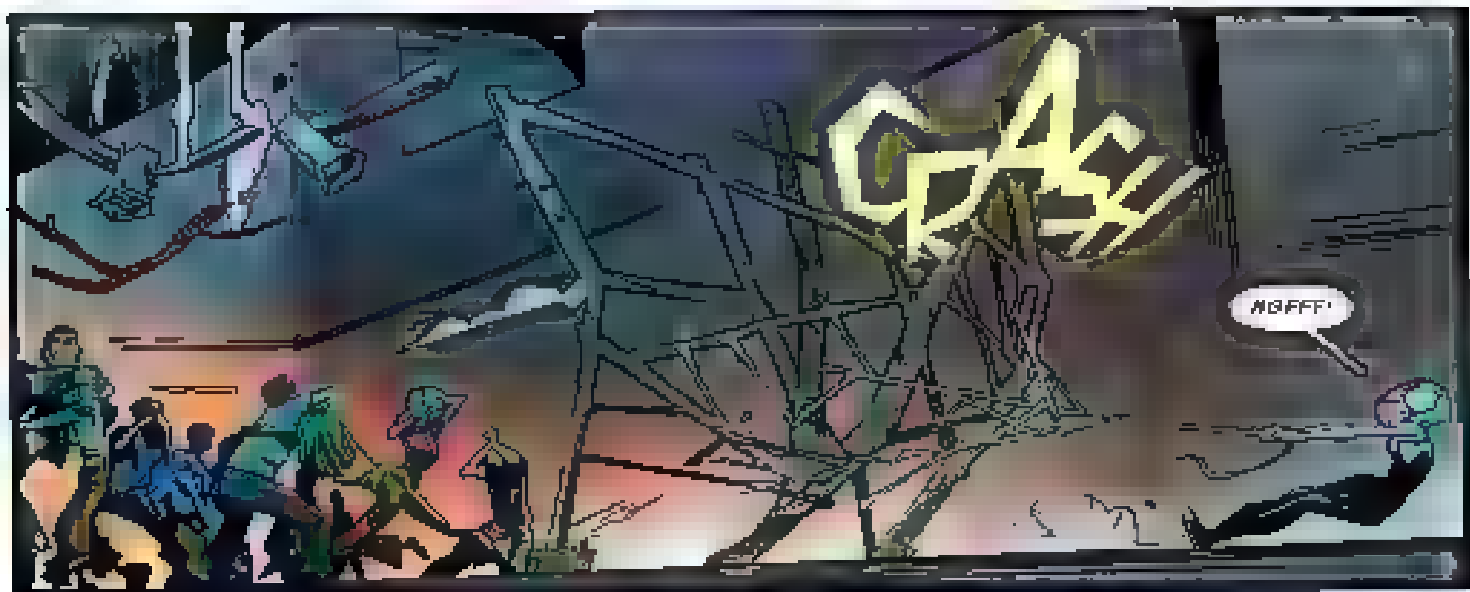
WHICH IS JUST  
AS COOL AS  
IT SOUNDS.

**THE  
TANSEI**

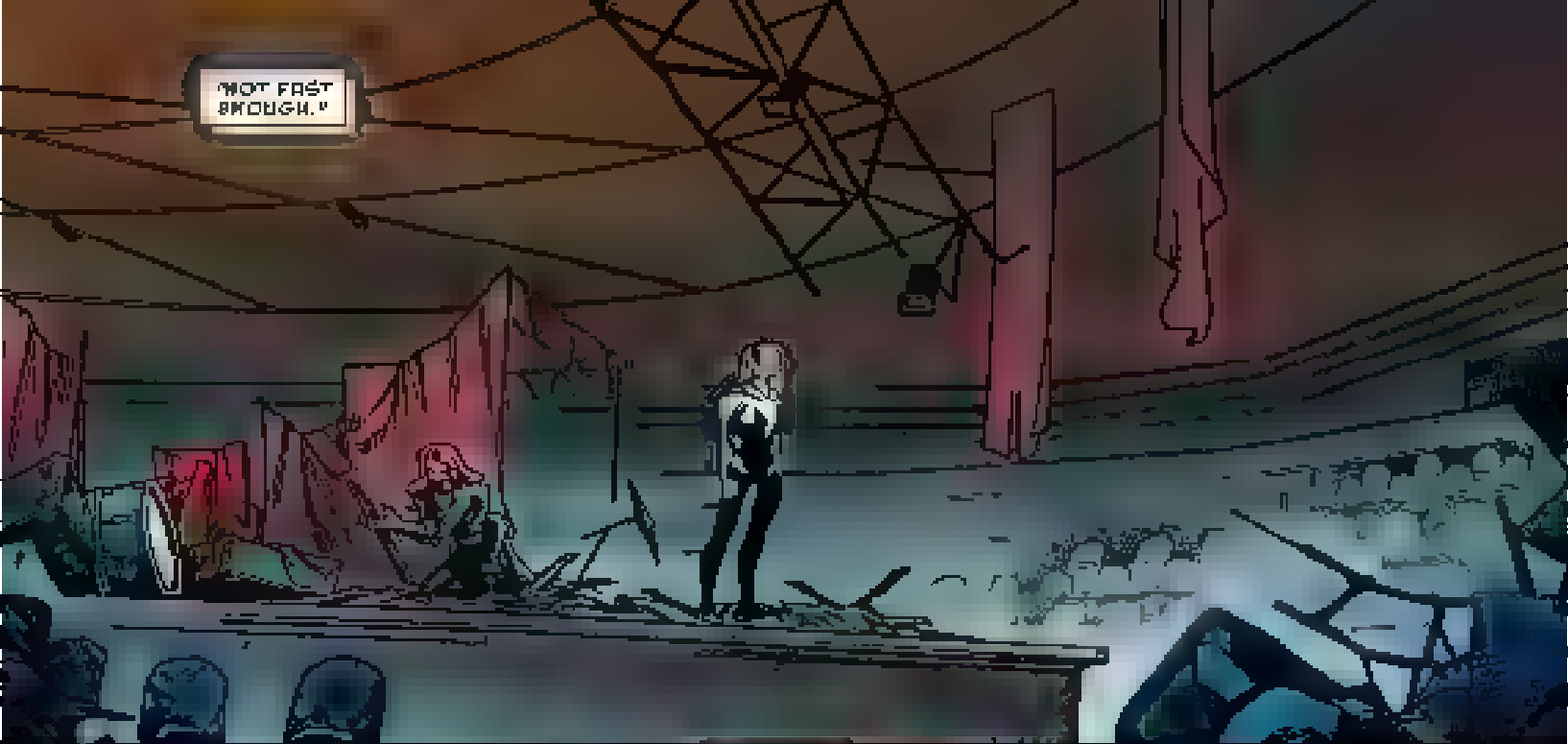
THE  
LIGHTS

TIG  
COMING  
DOWN

00TCHH



"NOT FAST  
ENOUGH."



"WHAT'D  
YOU FIND?"



"NOTHING."



"HEY!"

"SPARKLY  
YOU PLANNING  
ON GIVING IT  
BACK?"



"EVENTUALLY!"

"LOOK TONIGHT I  
GOT TO PLAY WITH THE  
UNCUT GEMS. I NEED  
A GUY TO MAKE  
THE OCCASION."

"YOUR SORT OF  
KLEPTOMANIA WILL  
FOREVER REMAIN  
A SECRET."

"IS IT JUST  
ME OR DO WE  
HAVE THE WORST  
LUCK EVER?"





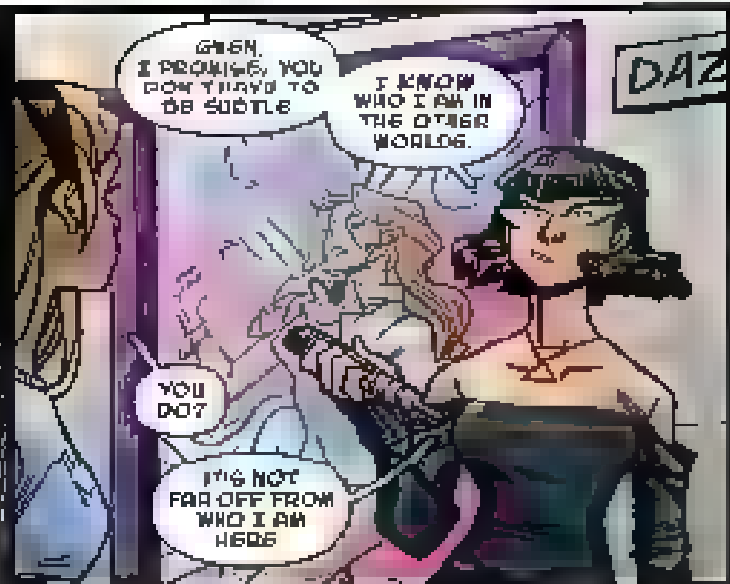
GO, NATASHA ROMANOFF

YES.

YOU'RE A TOUR MANAGER?

OF A SORT

I'M JUST SURPRISED I HAVE A FEELING YOU HAVE A LOT OF OTHER TALENTS



GIVEN, I PROMISE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SUBTLE

I KNOW WHO I AM IN THE OTHER WORLD.

YOU DO?

IT'S NOT FAR OFF FROM WHO I AM HERE



OH.

AND YOU SHOULD BE GLAD FOR IT

THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH THE STORM SINCE YOU'VE BEEN BACK

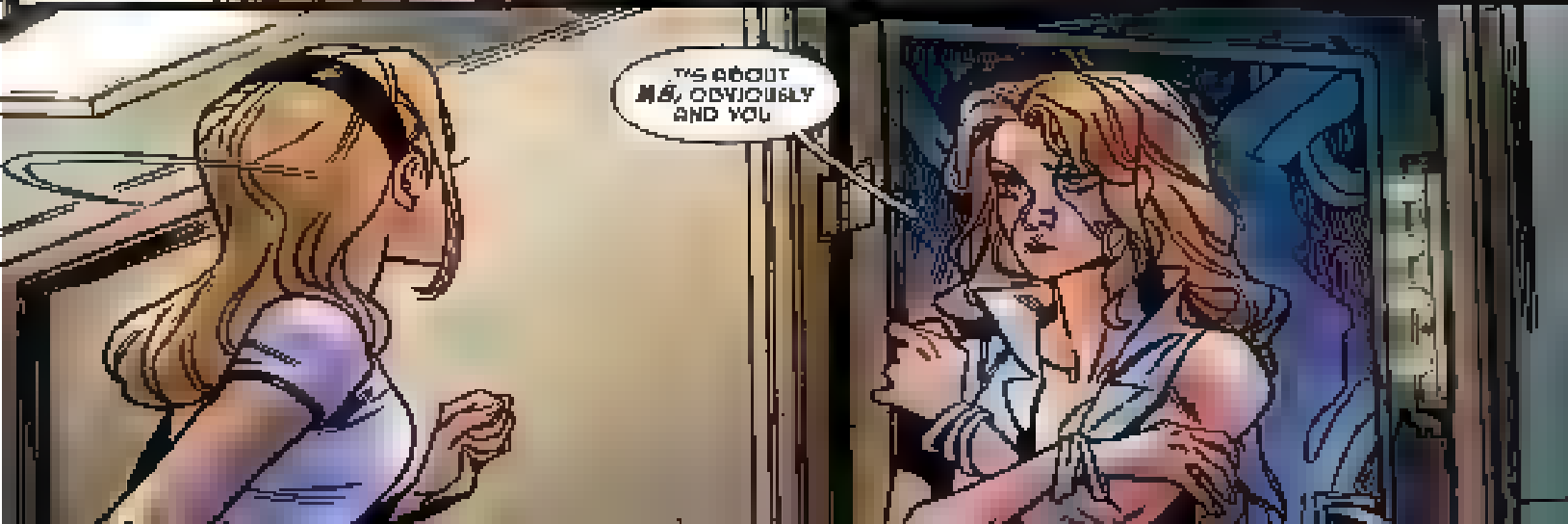


WAIT THAT WAS YOUR YOU JUST MADE HER STOP?

YOU CAN DO THAT?

I CAN DO A LOT OF THINGS BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT

THEN WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?



IT'S ABOUT ME, OBVIOUSLY AND YOU





CAN WE LOOK AT POSITIVES? THAT WAS SOME NICE TEAMWORK OUT THERE.

NO, LARA GOT A BROKEN HAND. WE'RE LUCKY RICK HAD A HANGOVER.

YEAH. THIS WAS SOLD. I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO SEND AN ACTUAL MULK. OR TO ATTACK ON STAGE.

IT'S GOOD WE BROUGHT GWEN ON WHEN WE DID.



SHE'S QUICK. AND SHE'S STRONG. YOU KNOW HOW TO PICK THEM.

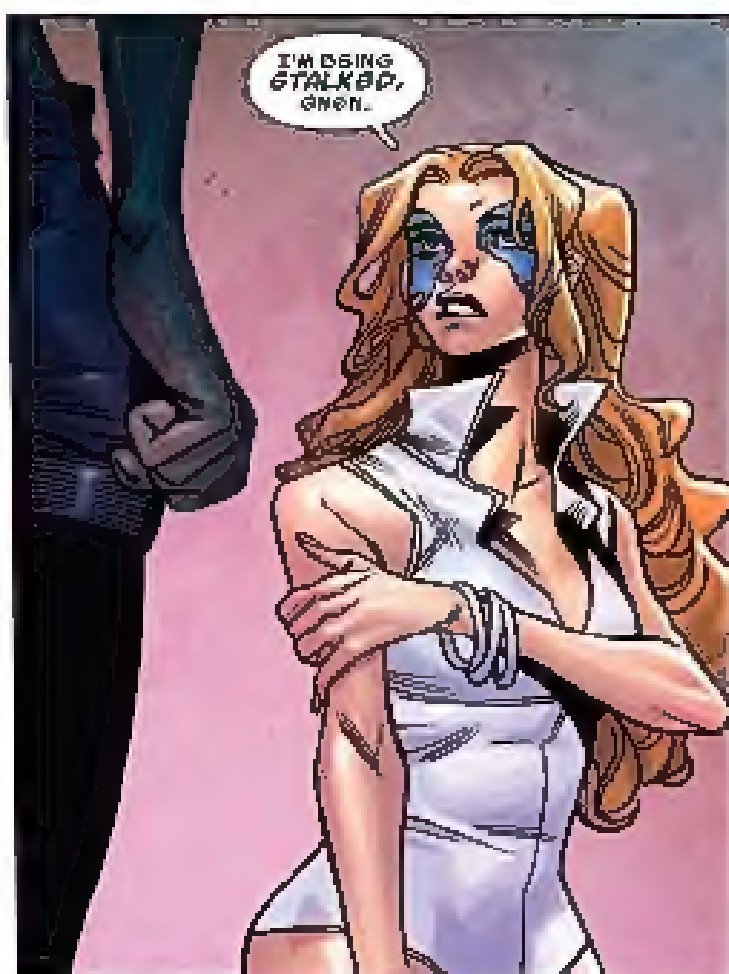
OKAY. WAIT-- TIME OUT. THIS ATTACK WAS AN ACTUAL THING THAT YOU KNEW WOULD HAPPEN?

YES. WE DID.

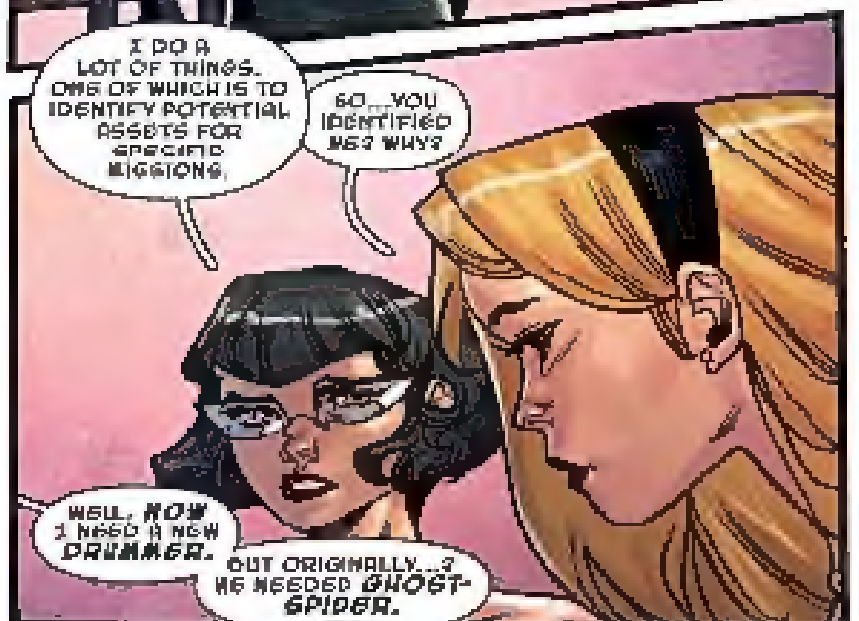
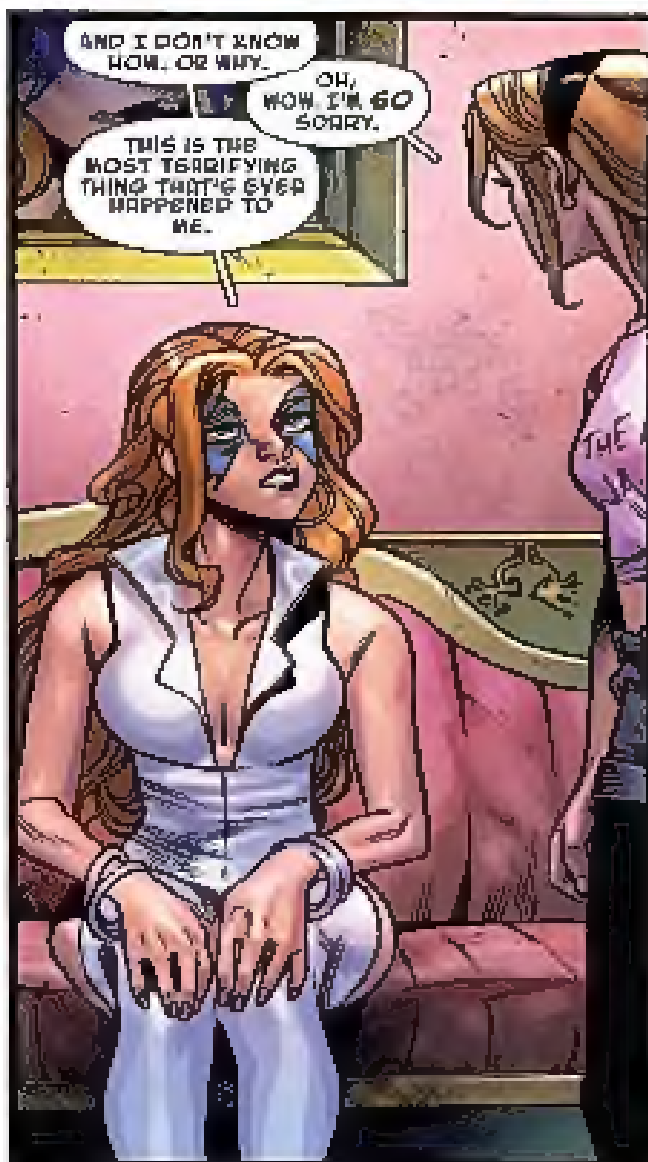
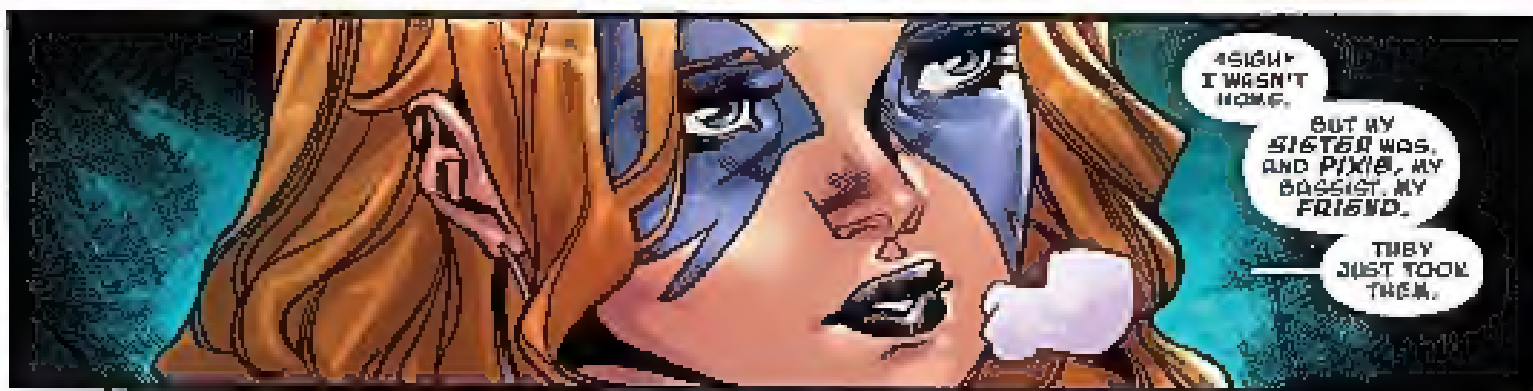
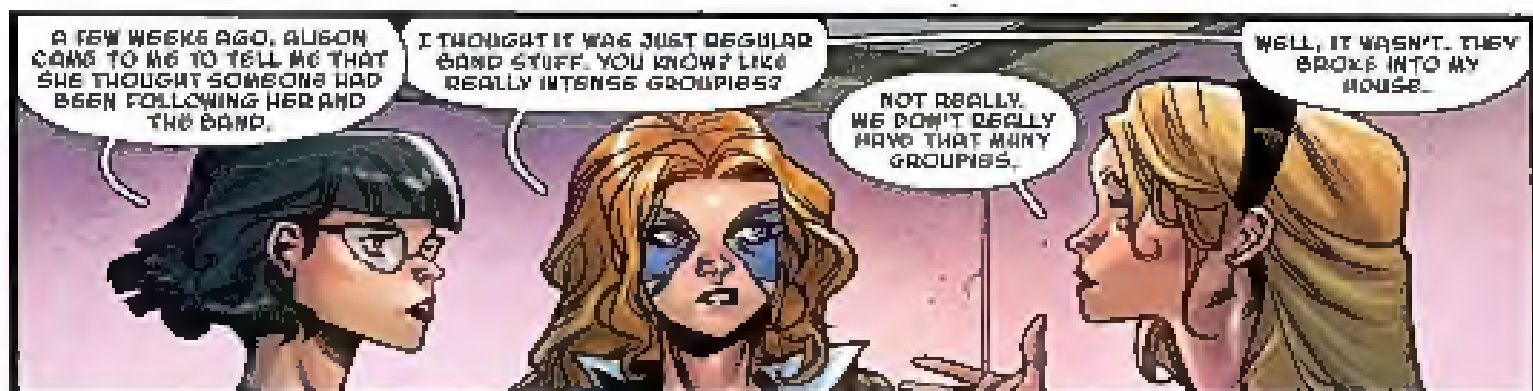


TO A POINT, BUT IT'S BECOMING MORE THAN I CAN HANDLE.

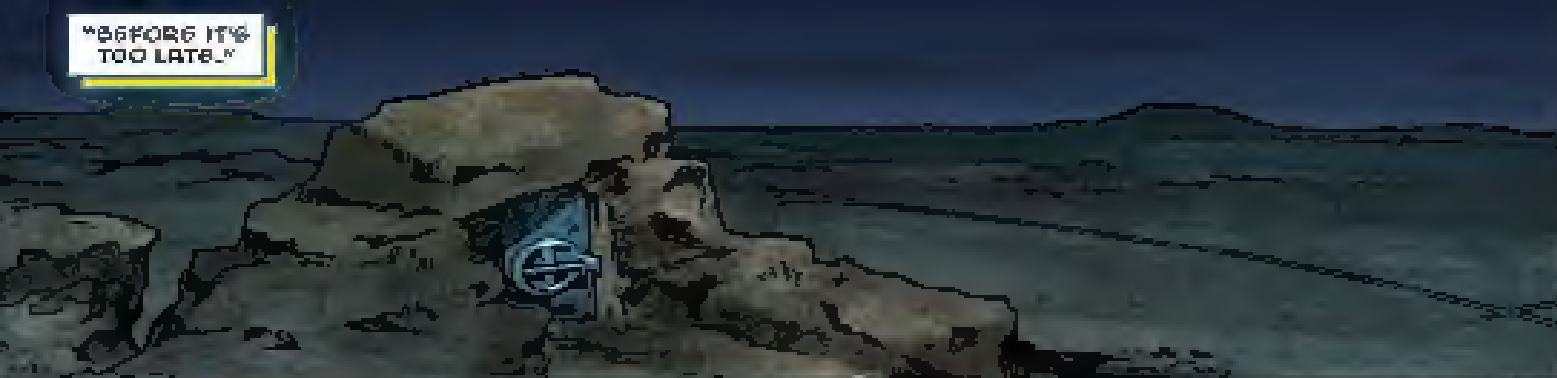
CAN WE PLEASE JUST BACK UP SO THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



I'M BEING STALKED, GWEN.



"BEFORE IT'S  
TOO LATE."



SUBJECT'S  
REACTION TO  
THE TRIAL  
WAS VIOLENT.  
REACTIVE.

BUT  
I SEE YOU...  
I KNOW YOU'RE  
THERE...



BUT ULTIMATELY  
SUCCESSFUL.

...IN THE  
DARKNESS... WITH  
A SHAKELINE  
STARD!



LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
THE NEXT  
TRIAL...

AND THE NEXT  
VENUE.

AND I'M  
READY FOR YOU...  
READY FOR YOU...  
TO STRIKE.



TO BE  
CONTINUED...

**NEXT: #2**

